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HELLO - I'M
**BECKY
BURDOCK**
VAMPIRE REPORTER

YOU
WANT TO
KNOW THE
SECRET
TO BEING A
**GOOD
REPORTER?**

**ASKING
QUESTIONS.**

WHAT
ARE **YOU**
DOING
HERE?

TRYING
TO SAVE
YOUR SKIN
HAROLD.

WELL,
JUST
BECKY
BURDOCK
REALLY
...

WHO

IS THIS MAN?



BUT
YOU CAN
COME ALONG
TOO. IF YOU
PROMISE TO
BE QUIET.

He's called the
SHADOW. We've had a
run in before.* I
don't think he counts
as one of the good guys.

WHERE

ARE WE?



Right now we're in a
store room at the back
of a church trying to
get away from a bunch of
crazies in purple robes.

WHAT

DO THESE PEOPLE WANT
ME FOR?



I'm not sure, but I
know a knife and the
word SACRIFICE were
involved, so I don't want
to stick around to find
out.

REALLY
BECKY...
IT SEEMS
YOU SHOULD
CHOOSE
YOUR FRIENDS
WITH MORE
CARE
...

BUT
THAT'S
OKAY.

I
CAN
FIX
THIS.

I CAN
GET YOU
ALL OUT
OF HERE.

TRUST
ME

I'M YOUR
FRIEND.

*SEE JACK STAFF VOL 1 - EVERY
THING USED TO BE BLACK & WHITE!

WHEN

DID THINGS GO CRAZY?



Harold Bramble and his dad, Albert, brought me here so they could quote CONTROL the SITUATION unquote.

HOW

DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?



BACK DOOR?

I don't think they put that much thought into the quote PLAN unquote.

AND FINALLY (AND THIS IS THE BIG ONE)

WHY

DO THESE THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME?



DON'T LISTEN TO HIM BECKY...



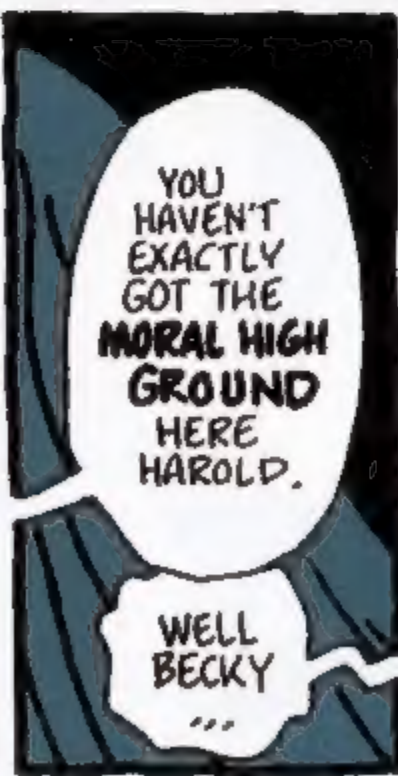
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S UP TO!

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES



YOU HAVEN'T EXACTLY GOT THE MORAL HIGH GROUND HERE HAROLD.

WELL BECKY ...

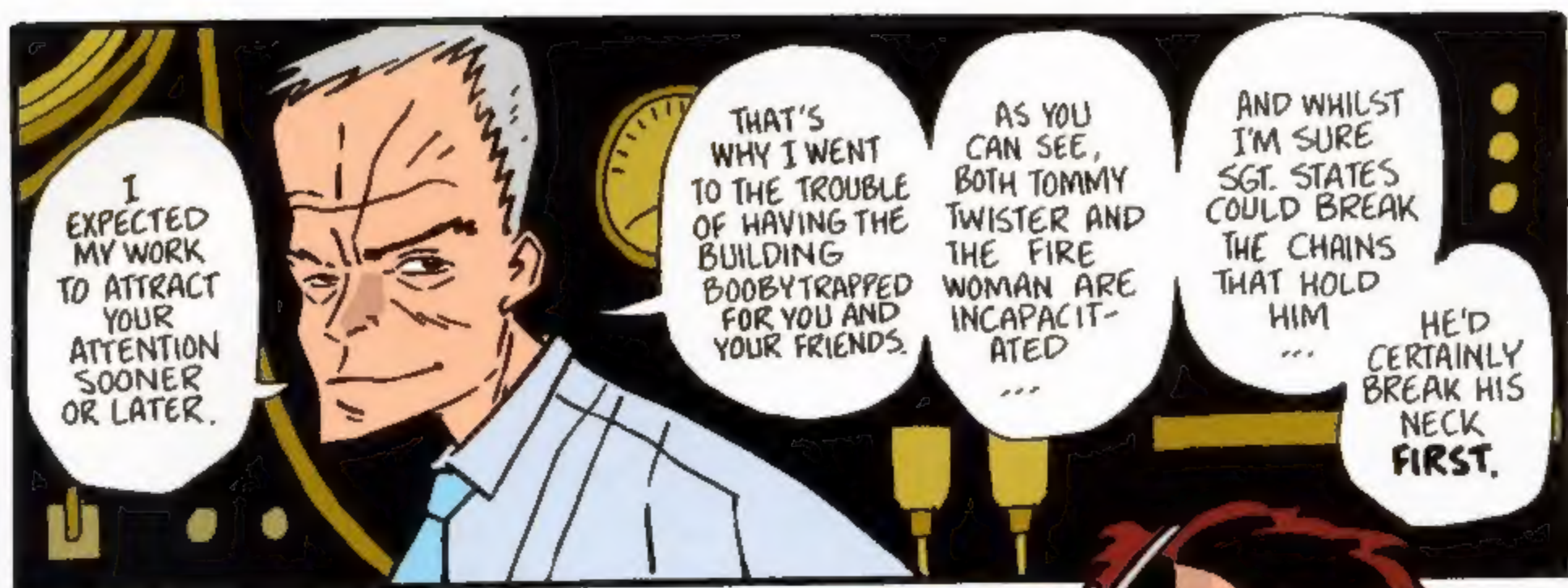


WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW?





IT'S 1942 AND THE WORLD IS AT WAR! HE'S CALLED BRAIN HEAD - AND IN TWENTY MINUTES, THE NAZI INVASION OF CASTLETOWN IS GOING TO BEGIN!



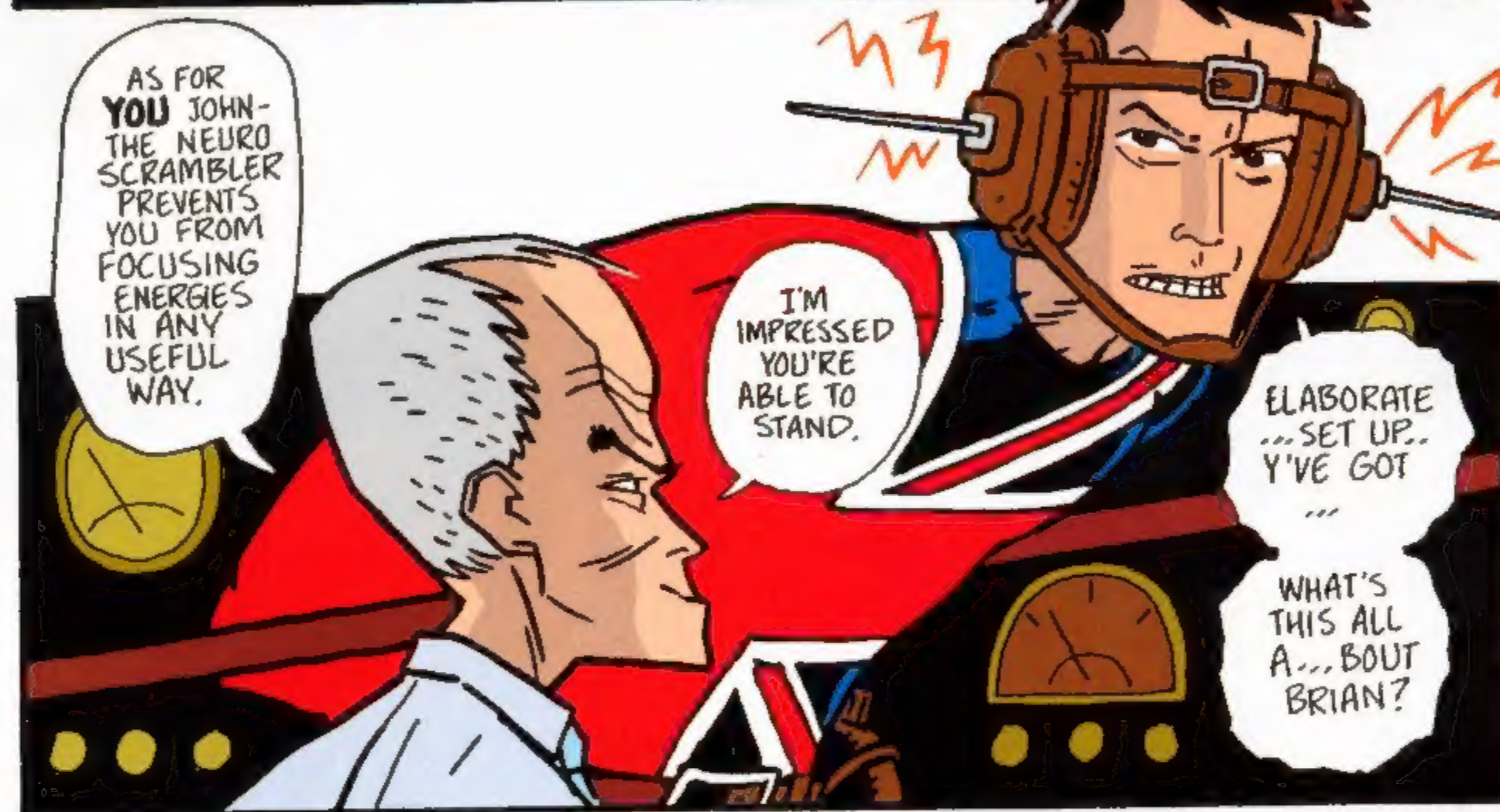
I EXPECTED MY WORK TO ATTRACT YOUR ATTENTION SOONER OR LATER.

THAT'S WHY I WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF HAVING THE BUILDING BOOBYTRAPPED FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, BOTH TOMMY TWISTER AND THE FIRE WOMAN ARE INCAPACITATED

AND WHILST I'M SURE SGT. STATES COULD BREAK THE CHAINS THAT HOLD HIM

HE'D CERTAINLY BREAK HIS NECK FIRST.

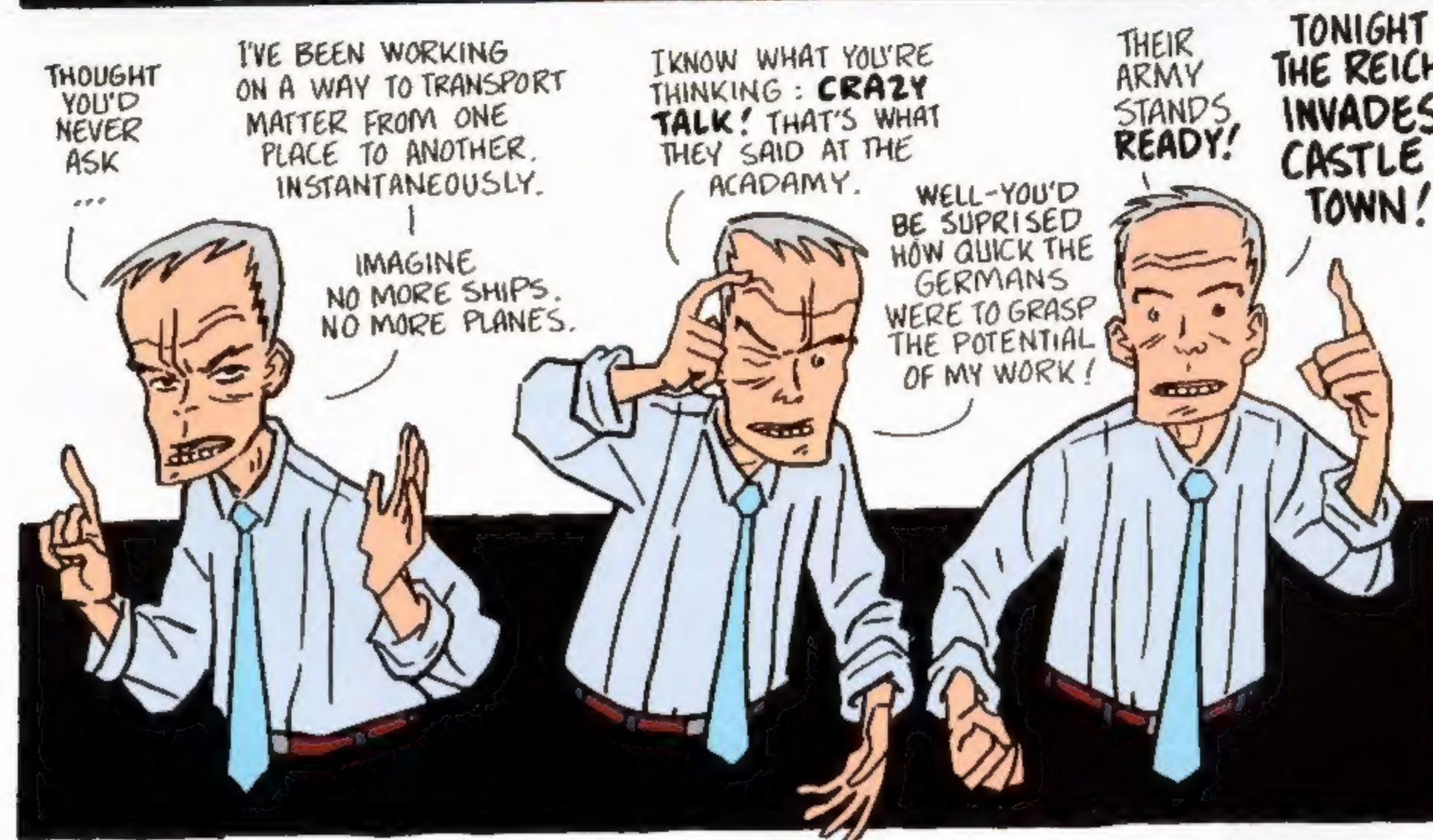


AS FOR YOU JOHN- THE NEURO SCRAMBLER PREVENTS YOU FROM FOCUSING ENERGIES IN ANY USEFUL WAY.

I'M IMPRESSED YOU'RE ABLE TO STAND.

ELABORATE ...SET UP.. Y'VE GOT

WHAT'S THIS ALL A... BOUT BRIAN?



THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A WAY TO TRANSPORT MATTER FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER, INSTANTANEOUSLY.

IMAGINE NO MORE SHIPS. NO MORE PLANES.

IKNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING : **CRAZY TALK!** THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID AT THE ACADEMY.

WELL-YOU'D BE SUPRISED HOW QUICK THE GERMANS WERE TO GRASP THE POTENTIAL OF MY WORK!

THEIR ARMY STANDS READY!

TONIGHT THE REICH INVADES CASTLE TOWN!



AT LEAST
THEY WILL
ONCE I'VE GOT
THE FINE TUNING
ON THIS JUNK
SORTED!

"BERLIN TO
CASTLE
TOWN!"

"TRUE, HE
ARRIVED LESS
ALIVE THAN
INTENDED

"LAST NIGHT I MANAGED TO TRANSPORT
THE FIRST **HUMAN SUBJECT**."

"BUT OTHERWISE
A **COMPLETE
SUCCESS!**"

KLUNG!



WIE
LANGE
MÜSSEN
WIR NOCH
WARTEN,
HÄSSLICHER
KLEINER
MANN?

"HÄSS-
LICHER
KLEINER
MANN."

IT'S A
LITTLE **PET
NAME** HE
HAS FOR ME.
KIND OF SWEET
REALLY.

YOU'VE
CROSSED
PATHS
WITH
KAPTAIN
KRIEG
BEFORE
HAVEN'T
YOU?

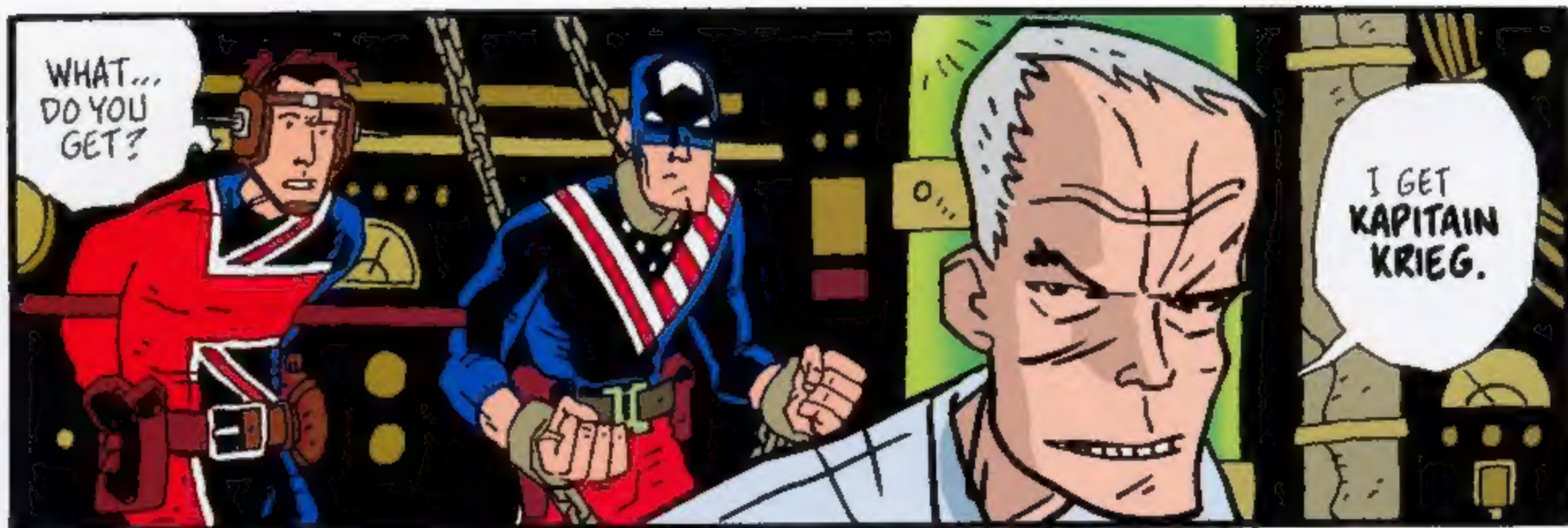


HE'S
NOT THE
SHARPEST
KNIFE IN
THE BOX.

BUT THEN
NATIONAL
SOCIALISM
WAS NEVER
MEANT TO
APPEAL
TO THE
INTELLECT.

I NEVER
HAD YOU
DOWN AS...
A NAZI
SYMPATHISER
BRIAN
...

WHAT'S
IN THIS
FOR YOU?







According to Harold, this guy is a feeder — someone who willingly gives their own blood for vampires too weak or sick to hunt their own.

He seems to have gathered his own little band of worshippers



He's also stronger than he looks



SHOW
YOUR
SELVES!

NOW!





CAN'T HE SEE US?

COME ON BECKY, I KNOW YOU'RE HIDING

I'M A VERY PATIENT MAN ...

WE'RE STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM ...



I HAVE HIDDEN YOU IN THE **SHADOWS** - HE IS UN-ABLE TO SEE OR HEAR YOU.



NOW WOULD BE A **GOOD TIME** TO LEAVE.



BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR **THIS**.

sniff
sniff



Ah - MISTER BRAMBLE, THE **SON**.

HAROLD.

THIS IS
**HELEN
 MORGAN**
 THE ENIGMATIC LEADER OF **Q** - THE INVESTIGATORS OF THE UNEXPLAINABLE -
 THE QUESTION
 MARK CRIMES
 AND ONE DAY SHE DREAMS SHE'S MORGAN
 A FIFTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL
 TRAPPED IN
 A COMA
 WHO WAKES UP TO FIND SHE'S SPENT
 SIX
 MONTHS
 DREAMING SHE WAS

DON'T YOU JUST
 HATE DREAMS
 LIKE THAT?
Q



HELEN?

HELEN
MORGAN?

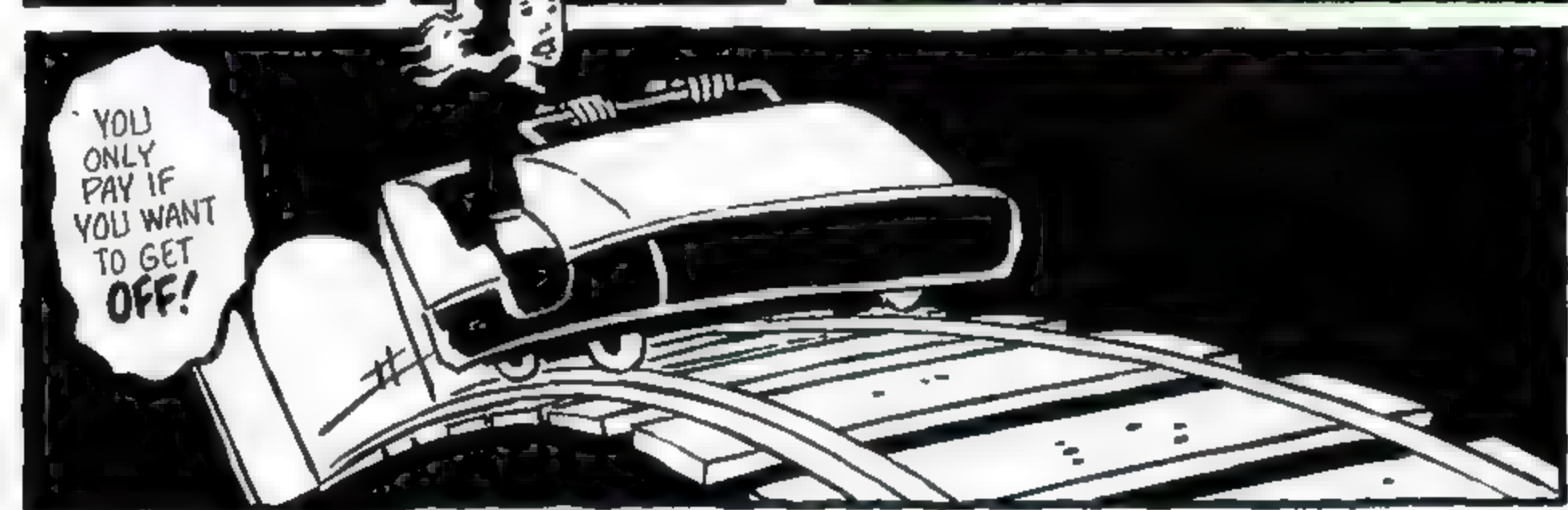


WHO
ARE
YOU?

YOU
WANT
TO GET
AWAY?



CLIMB
ON BOARD
THE
TRAIN,











I'M WHAT THEY CALL AN
OLD FASHIONED COPPER.

THE KIND OF COPPER
WHO SHOUTS A LOT AND
GETS THINGS **DONE**.

THE KIND OF COPPER
THEY CALL IN WHEN
THEY WANT **RESULTS**.



DETECTIVE INSPECTOR MAVERYK

THEY WANT A RESULT
WITH **THIS ONE**.

MORNING
GUV.

AH,
MAVERYK.
SHE'S BEEN
STABBED
TWICE.

SOME
THING
WITH A
LONG
BLADE.



EXCUSE
ME SIR,
P.C. HOLT

I WAS
THE FIRST
OFFICER
ON THE
SCENE.

TALK TO
ME HOLT.
WHAT
HAPPENED?

POLICE



THERE WERE REPORTS
OF A DISTURBANCE
FROM A NEIGHBOUR.

THE DOOR WAS
LOCKED AND CHAINED
FROM INSIDE.

BUT BY THE TIME I
GOT HERE THE VICTIM
WAS ALREADY DEAD.

THE
LETTERS
07 WERE
WRITTEN
IN HER OWN
BLOOD.

PERHAPS
SHE WAS
TRYING TO
LEAVE A
CLUE TO THE
KILLERS
IDENTITY.

SO FAR
WE HAVEN'T
BEEN ABLE
TO CONTACT
THE HOME
OWNER,
A MISTER
...

WHEN I ARRIVED I
COULD SEE THE
VICTIM BANGING
ON THE WINDOW.

I COULD HEAR A
WOMAN SCREAMING
SO I FORCED AN
ENTRY.

POLICE

HE'S PRACTICALLY A
SELF MADE LEGEND.

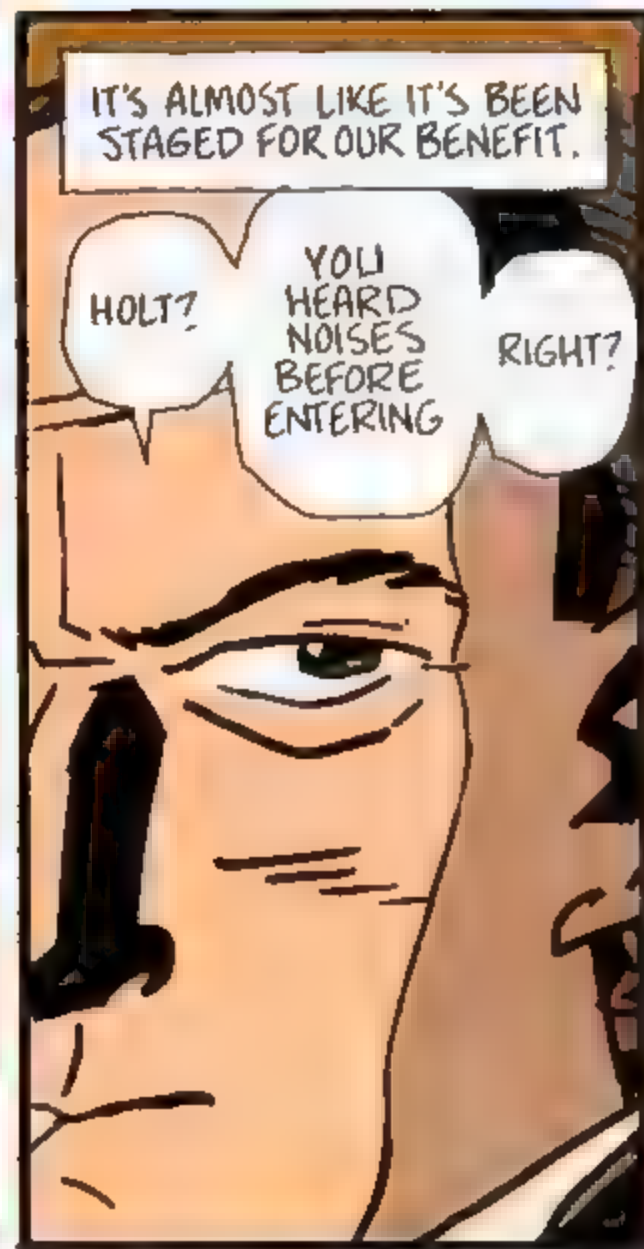
I
KNOW
WHO
LIVES
HERE.

OLYMPIC BOXING CHAMP,
CELEBRATED AUTHOR,
PEER OF THE REALM.

OCCASIONAL MEMBER
OF PARLIAMENT AND
CONFIDANT OF THE
PRIME MINISTER.

LORD
GILBERT
PEARCE.

AND RIGHT NOW, HE'S WHAT
WE IN THE TRADE CALL THE
PRIME SUSPECT.



DID I MENTION
THAT PEARCE
IS A PERSONAL
FRIEND OF THE
POLICE CHIEF?

MAVERYK?

HELLO
COMMANDER.
WHAT A
SURPRISE.

NO SIR.
I'VE ONLY
JUST GOT
HERE.

PRESS
CONFERENCE?

WITH RESPECT
SIR, I THINK IT'S
A BIT TOO SOON
TO BE DOING
THAT.

I THINK IT'S
BEST IF WE
KEEP A LID ON
THINGS FOR
NOW, AT LEAST
UNTIL WE'VE

AH.
RIGHT.

SO IT'S DUE
TO START IN
TEN MINUTES
IS IT?

I CAN'T
SEE ANY
MENTION OF
A **D7** IN
THE DIARY
...

OKAY
NOLAN,
YOU LOOK
AFTER THINGS
HERE.

OY!

HOLT.

C'MON-
YOU'RE
DRIVING.

SIR

DETECTIVE
NOLAN-
WE'VE FOUND
SOMETHING
IN THE
CELLAR
...



... THEN WHO'S DRIVING MAVERYK?





HUNUH!

AND
NOW
...

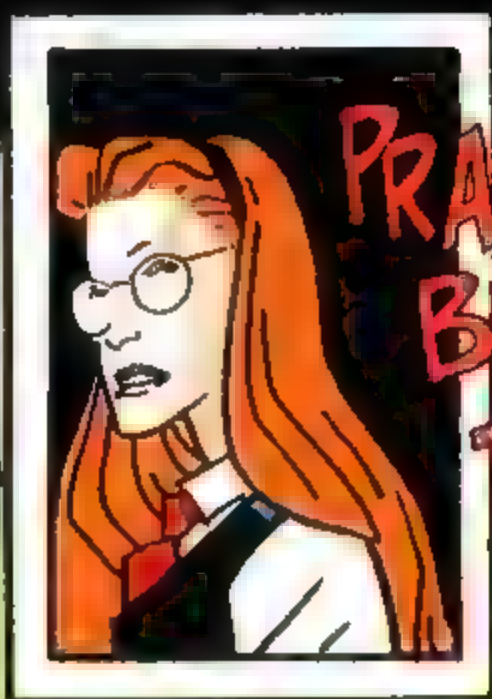
THE
SACRIFICE
...

...is
made
...

WELL...

...I
DIDN'T
SEE THAT
COMING.

PRAISE
HER!



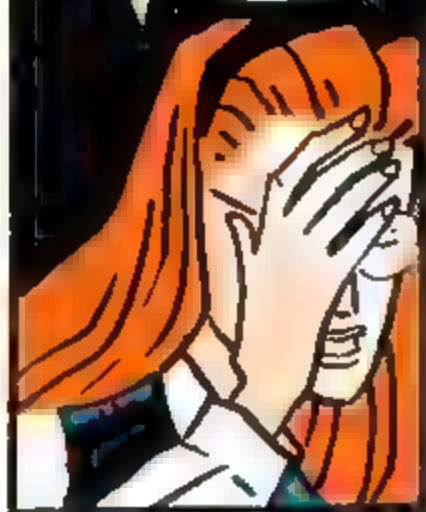
PRAISE THE
BRINGER OF
THE NIGHT!



WHAT?

LOOK ...

I'M SURE
YOU'RE JUST
BEING NICE
AND ALL
THAT...



SO
DON'T
TAKE THIS
THE
WRONG
WAY ...

BUT
PLEASE ...



JUST
PISS
OFF!



YOU
REALLY
ARE QUITE
REMARK-
ABLE.

AND BEHOLD, THE SICK AND THE INFIRM
TOOK FLIGHT. THIS WAS THE FIRST SIGN.

AND
THAT GOES
FOR YOU
TOO
MISTER
...

JUST..
JUST
...

GO!

THAT'S
OKAY BECKY
-I'M DONE
HERE.

JUST
REMEMBER
...

WHEN
YOU
NEEDED
SOME
ONE IN
YOUR
CORNER

WHO
CAME
THROUGH
FOR
YOU?

THESE
VAMPIRE
HUNTERS?

THE
SUPER
HERO?

YOU
NEED ME
AGAIN?

YOU
KNOW
WHERE
TO FIND
ME.

HAROLD?
WHERE ARE
YOU
GOING?

HOME.

IT'S
BEEN
A LONG
NIGHT
...

It's
over.

I think
I won ...

So why do I feel
like the Bogieman
just got me?

STAFF POST

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Win an original Jack Staff drawing! Each issue I will select a Letter of the Month and that individual gets an original drawing of a Jack Staff character. My choice. So send in those letters or drawings and you could be the envy of all your friends....

Hi Paul,

I very much enjoyed your remembrance of Will Eisner in Jack Staff #7. Will was my college teacher for three years while I attended the School of Visual Arts. My earliest memory of Will Eisner was when he said in class (September 1986), "I think comic books are far more than two mutants trashing each other." I continue to chuckle over how funny Will's statement was.

I was always a bit intimidated to show Will my work in class. However, one of the nicest things Will ever said to me after reviewing some of my artwork was, "You have a nice line". Now, this was the greatest thing an aspiring comic book inker could hear from one of his heroes.

I miss him.

Oh! The rest of Jack Staff #7 was quite brilliant, too. :)

I hope you are well.

best
Al Nickerson

<http://www.arggh.com>
<http://www.yacanteraseink.com>

Dear Jack Staff

I never know what to expect in your comic book and Jack Staff #6 really surprised me! It's almost Halloween and this was the perfect issue for this scary holiday. The reason being is that Bramble and Son may be vampire hunters, but I have to admit they gave me the jitters. Paul Grist, I love your writing and I love your artwork! You have some sensational and unique characters! Sgt. States is a lot like Captain America, but he is still very unique in his personality and attitude.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Dale Roberts, Production General
Jazma Universe Online!
<http://www.jazmaonline.com>

And with pointy teeth too

Dear Paul,

do you really think that your readers are so gullible that they write letters just to receive some scrap of original art? Well, I do and I am

I am a long time fan of your KANE-series but I still missed out on the first issues of JACK STAFF. To be honest: I was quite angry that you put KANE on hold (which means an even loooooonger time-out for a book that was published every other year) just to try out another concept.

I must admit, that J.S. is worth the trouble. It brings back some childhood memories from the Vulcan-anthology-series (published as Kobra in Germany) - the Spider and the Claw are not forgotten! But where is the guy with the magic eye that turns him indestructable? And the giant ape-robot? Ooops - I just remembered that these similarities are pure coincidence ;-)

The colouring in your new series doesn't hurt even if your style is still more in the B&W-compartment. Please keep it that way - old-school rules!"

Did I mention that I am still waiting for the next KANE-issue???

Good

luck

Axel Imholz
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65187 Wiesbaden
Germany

You're not the only one.

Hi,
couple of questions just to pester you with when's the next issue of Jack Staff due for release please " " (I guess I'm waaay down the queue on that one) and are any more Kane books going to be published by Image? I've got the first 3, but find myself in desperate need to know what happens next!

love your stuff,
regards,
Neil Colebeck

The next issue of Jack Staff should be out now - in fact you're probably reading it right now. Kane book 4 should be out soon - closely followed by book 5. Sorry for the delay.

This month's original drawing of Sgt States goes to Paul Dale Roberts! That's all for this time round, keep in touch!

BACK ISSUES

Back issues are available direct from me - of the original black and white series issues 3- 7 and 9 - 11 are \$2.95 US £1.80 UK, issue 8 is \$4.50 US £3.25 UK and issue 12 is \$3.50 US £2.50 UK. Image issues 1 - 4 are \$2.95 US £2.00 UK and issue 5 onwards \$3.50 US £2.50 UK. Prices are for single issues and US orders please add an extra \$1.50 US to the total to cover postage. All cheques payable to Paul Grist.

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BEATS



BEATS



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BEATS



ALFRED CHINARD!



FACT FILE

STRENGTH	7	ENDURANCE	6
INTELLIGENCE	10	POWER RATING	7
AGILITY	9	HERO RATING	2

ALBERT BRAMBLE!



FACT FILE

STRENGTH	4	ENDURANCE	7
INTELLIGENCE	8	POWER RATING	4
AGILITY	6	HERO RATING	7

MISTER GREEN!



FACT FILE

STRENGTH	8	ENDURANCE	9
INTELLIGENCE	9	POWER RATING	6
AGILITY	10	HERO RATING	6

SHADOW!



FACT FILE

STRENGTH	7	ENDURANCE	9
INTELLIGENCE	9	POWER RATING	7
AGILITY	9	HERO RATING	5

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to comment on my usage of the German language in the last issue of Jack Staff. Sadly, as my O level results will testify, I really can't take the credit. My words were translated by Guido Weissahhn, who (amongst many other things) also runs a Kane/Jack Staff site - go to www.weissahhn.de - which includes an exclusive Kane strip 'Shots'. Take a bow Guido. And yes I do know that the German for Captain should really be Hauptman... Kapitain Krieg just sounds better.



FLAG WAVING

As you may have noticed there's been a change in the colourist with this issue. Last issue was the final one to be coloured by Phil. Our loss is also gain as Phil will be doing more of his own comics and is currently hard at work on the second series of Tupelo, which should be coming out later this year from Slave Labor Graphics.

This issue introduces the colouring contributions of Craig Conlan, a talented cartoonist in his own right, who I think has done a terrific job here.

Both Craig and I will be at the Bristol Comic Expo over the weekend of May 13th - 14th. As usual, this is being held in the Empire and Commonwealth Exhibition Hall (next to Bristol Temple Meads railway station). For all the latest details log on to www.comicexpo.net

Those of you who still hanker after a black and white Jack Staff might want to check out upcoming issues of Comics International which is going to be running a Q serial - 3 pages a month over about 12 issues....

Here's a thought. Marvel have just brought back the Invaders - a reworking of a comic from the mid seventies featuring the Timely (ie old Marvel) characters from the Second World War. That means that the New Invaders is as distant in time from the original Invaders as that comic was from the Second World War comics that inspired it...

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